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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, delete the paragraph (table) between the second and third lines of text on page 7, and replace it with the following table:

Form	Origin	Characteristics before treatment	% scrap (in mass of PuO_2)
Powders	End of pellet-pelletizing batch	Unsintered powder with uncontrolled particle size distribution and sinterability	99.5%
	Grinding powders	Sintered powder with uncontrolled particle size distribution and sinterability	
	Recovery of dust	Uncontrolled PuO_2 and impurity content and particle size distribution	
Pellets	Rejects from sorting by aspect	Sintered pellets	0.5%
	Samples		
	Excess production		
Various	Chemical analyses	Nitric solutions	0.5%
	Maintenance and cleaning of production equipment and/or gloveboxes	Volatile chemical impurities	
		Nonvolatile chemical impurities	

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Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following

new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A method for dry process recycling of mixed (U,Pu)O₂ oxide nuclear fuel waste, including a process for making fuel pellets of mixed (U,Pu)O₂ oxide, including a dosage and a first mixture (1) of waste in powder form and, if required, of PuO₂ and/or UO₂ powders, a micronization (2) and a forced sieving (3) of said first mixture; another dosage and a second mixture (4) of the first sieved mixture, of UO₂ powders and, if necessary, of the waste powder, ~~pelletizing~~ pelletizing (6) the second mixture, and sintering (7) the resulting pellets; and a process for pre-treating the waste including ~~pelletizing~~ pelletizing (20) and sintering (21) the powder waste to form waste pellets, and micronizing (23) the waste pellets to form the desired waste powder designed to be incorporated as waste powder, in the first (1) and/or second mixtures.